

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

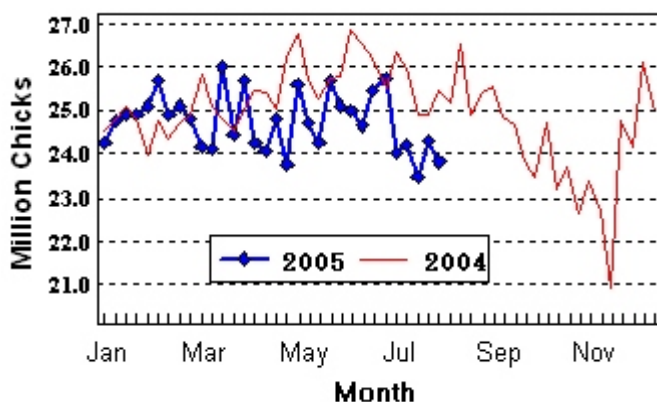
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.8 million during the week ending August 6, 2005. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through August 6, 2005 were 792.1 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.5 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.3 percent.

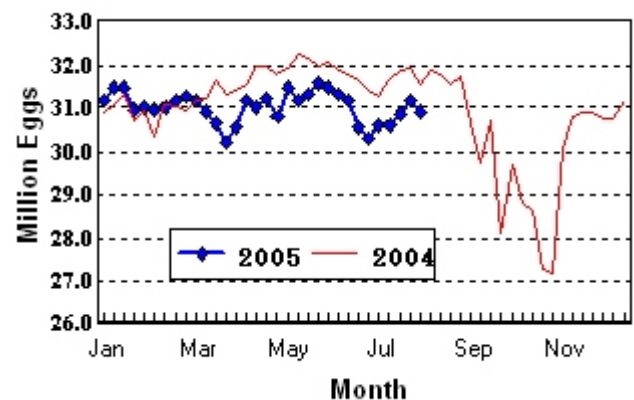
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 6, 2005, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jul. 2	25,484	25,763	101	26,419	26,153	99	31,452	30,301	96
Jul. 9	26,353	24,035	91	26,297	25,696	98	31,262	30,623	98
Jul. 16	25,933	24,228	93	26,146	25,065	96	31,653	30,603	97
Jul. 23	24,888	23,493	94	25,985	24,981	96	31,896	30,862	97
Jul. 30	24,929	24,315	98	25,654	25,355	99	31,944	31,178	98
Aug. 6	25,439	23,813	94	25,964	25,504	98	31,552	30,929	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul	06-Aug		02-Jul	09-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul	06-Aug	
Alabama	31,788 *	31,918	31,505	31,350	103	22,088	21,748	21,383	21,943	21,683	22,250	105
ARKANSAS	30,603	30,862	31,178	30,929	98	25,763	24,035	24,228 *	23,493 *	24,315 *	23,813	94
Delaware	4,073	4,069 *	4,060	3,956	106	5,913	5,978	6,395	4,781 *	5,629 *	6,216	123
Florida	1,384	1,380	1,383	1,381	103	1,516	1,502	1,489	1,445	1,586	1,488	99
Georgia	33,483 *	33,050	33,130	32,818	96	27,057	27,716	27,282 *	25,969 *	27,496 *	27,134	100
Kentucky	7,086	7,124	7,085	7,056	97	5,563	5,820	5,814	5,818	5,983 *	6,115	101
Louisiana	4,135	4,135	4,135	4,135	105	3,801	4,204	4,055	4,120	4,118	4,167	113
Maryland	8,938	8,950	8,878	8,963	101	5,471	5,284	4,830	6,075 *	5,216 *	4,920	82
Mississippi	19,101	19,099	18,970	18,794	95	17,248	17,297	17,350	17,459	17,394	17,385	102
N. Carolina	18,267 *	17,851	18,064	18,391	105	15,896	15,010	15,103	14,258	14,422	15,144	101
Oklahoma	6,480 *	6,563	6,622 *	6,638	96	4,761	5,531	5,600	5,121	3,868 *	4,804	97
Pennsylvania	4,045	4,444 *	4,242 *	4,115	113	2,965	2,951	2,984	2,820 *	3,077 *	2,933	100
S. Carolina	4,971	5,141	5,050	5,060	127	4,337	3,975	4,544	4,467	3,854	4,291	93
Texas	15,215 *	15,206 *	15,085 *	14,233	92	13,002	12,973 *	12,889 *	12,310 *	12,893 *	12,785	99
Virginia	6,381 *	6,474	6,333	6,408	96	5,108	4,734	5,209	5,225	5,707	5,136	101
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,415 *	17,786 *	18,424 *	18,408	105	17,444 *	17,740 *	16,402 *	17,102 *	16,951 *	17,457	100
Total 2005	214,365 *	214,052 *	214,144 *	212,635		177,933 *	176,498 *	175,557 *	172,406 *	174,192 *	176,038	
Total 2004	214,348	213,160	214,939	213,074		176,751	176,620	176,174	173,185	174,183	175,954	
%Prev. Year	100	100	100	100		101	100	100	100	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						20-Aug	27-Aug	03-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending August 6, 2005. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 6, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through August 6, 2005 were 5.46 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.